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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RECIPROCITY

1. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, U.S.A. PASSPORT HOLDERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A VISA FOR ENTRY INTO SEYCHELLES, ALTHOUGH SEYCHELLES PASSPORT HOLDERS MUST OBTAIN A VISA TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE MINISTRY REQUESTS THE EMBASSY KINDLY TO ASCERTAIN FROM ITS GOVERNMENT WHETHER FULL RECIPROCITY COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED BY THE ABOLITION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR SEYCHELLES PASSPORT HOLDERS TO OBTAIN A VISA TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. UNQUOTE.

2. ASIDE FROM FACT THAT ALL FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE VALID VISA PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO U.S., EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.

3. PRESENTLY THE ONLY ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR AN AMERICAN (OR ANY OTHER NATIONAL) TO ENTER SEYCHELLES IS (A) CURRENT INNOCULATIONS, (B) SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE PLANNED LENGTH OF STAY, (C) IN MOST CASES AN ONWARD OR RETURN TICKET. AT THE AIRPORT AN ENTRY CARD IS COMPLETED FOR IMMIGRATION, HALF IS KEPT BY IMMIGRATION, THE REMAINING HALF IS RETAINED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITOR AND IS USED AS A DEPARTURE CARD. A DATE OF ENTRY IS NOT STAMPED INTO A PASSPORT BUT IS PLACED ON THE BACK OF THE ENTRY CARD. DATE IS STAMPED INTO PASSPORTS UPON DEPARTURE. MATTSON

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